



**Hecla Mining Company**

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*Escalante Silver Mine Permit - for your*  
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*RWD*  
*ACT/021/004*

January 15, 1985

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DIVISION OF  
OIL, GAS & MINING

Mr. Robert W. Daniels  
Acting Administrator of Mineral  
Resources Development Reclamation Program  
State of Utah Department of Natural Resources  
Division of Oil, Gas & Mining  
355 West North Temple  
3 Triad Center  
Suite 350  
Salt Lake City, UT 84180

Re: Oil, Gas & Mining Permit, Escalante Silver Mine  
ACT/021/044 Iron County, Utah

Dear Mr. Daniels:

Reference is made to your letter of January 7, 1985 wherein you request a mining permit transfer and replacement form of surety for Hecla Mining Company's (Hecla) Escalante Silver mine operation. Our records reflect that the above-referenced mining permit is issued in the name of REDCO Silver, Inc., (REDCO) formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation (Ranchers). Effective July 26, 1984, Ranchers was merged into and became a part of Hecla. REDCO continues to be a separate corporate entity; however, through the merger is now a wholly-owned subsidiary of Hecla. Therefore, it is my understanding that a permit transfer is not necessary because there has been no change in the owner-operator of the Escalante silver mine. However, I am enclosing a copy of the Certificate of Merger between Ranchers and Hecla reflecting the merger of Ranchers into Hecla.

Since your January 7, 1985 letter, I contacted Pam Littig of your office concerning the need for a new Irrevocable Letter of Credit or other surety to replace the September 12, 1980 Letter of Credit issued to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining on behalf of Ranchers. I was advised by Ms. Littig that the current Irrevocable Letter of Credit does not expire until September 1985 and, therefore, a new bond or other surety was unnecessary. At Ms. Littig's request, I have asked Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque to amend the current Irrevocable Letter of Credit to reflect the merger of Ranchers into Hecla. An Amended Letter of Credit

assuring Hecla's payment of reclamation costs under the mining permit will be forwarded to your attention by Sunwest Bank of Albuquerque in the near future.

Should you have any questions or need further information on the permit, bond or Irrevocable Letter of Credit, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michael B. White".

Michael B. White  
Corporate Counsel

MBW:fld

Enclosures

cc: Thomas T. Giles  
Colleen D. Kelley  
Ed Hahne

State of Delaware



Office of Secretary of State

I, GLENN C. KENTON, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE DO HEREBY CERTIFY THE ATTACHED IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF MERGER OF "RANCHERS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION" A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, MERGING WITH AND INTO "HECLA MINING COMPANY", A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE UNDER THE NAME OF "HECLA MINING COMPANY" AS RECEIVED AND FILED IN THIS OFFICE THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JULY, A.D. 1984, AT 1 O'CLOCK P.M.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE AFORESAID CORPORATION SHALL BE GOVERNED BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE.

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July 27 A.D. 1984

Robert J. Donaway  
RECORDER

Glenn C. Kenton

Glenn C. Kenton, Secretary of State

AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

07/26/1984

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## CERTIFICATE OF MERGER

of

RANCHERS EXPLORATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
into  
HECLA MINING COMPANY

UNDER SECTION 252 OF THE GENERAL CORPORATION LAW  
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

FILED

JUL 26 1984

*Thomas C. Karpis*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

Pursuant to Section 252(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, Hecla Mining Company ("Hecla"), a Delaware corporation, hereby certifies to the following information relating to the merger of Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation ("Ranchers"), a New Mexico corporation, with and into Hecla (the "Merger").

1. The names and states of incorporation of Hecla and Ranchers, which are the constituent corporations in the Merger (the "Constituent Corporations"), are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>State</u>
Hecla Mining Company	Delaware
Ranchers Exploration and Development Corporation	New Mexico

2. The Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 8, 1984, between Hecla and Ranchers (the "Merger Agreement"), setting forth the terms and conditions of the Merger, has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by each of the Constituent Corporations in accordance with Section 252(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

3. The name of the corporation surviving the Merger is "Hecla Mining Company."

4. Pursuant to the Merger Agreement, the Certificate of Incorporation of Hecla Mining Company in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time of the Merger (as defined in the Merger Agreement) shall be the Certificate of Incorporation of the Surviving Corporation.

5. An executed Merger Agreement is on file at the principal place of business of the Surviving Corporation, which is located at Hecla Building, Wallace, Idaho 83873.

6. A copy of the Merger Agreement will be furnished by the Surviving Corporation, on request and without cost, to any stockholder of either of the Constituent Corporations.

7. Ranchers' authorized capital stock consists of 6,000,000 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.50 per share, of which, at the date hereof, 5,717,733 shares were issued and outstanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Certificate of Merger has been  
executed on this 26th day of July, 1984.

HECLA MINING COMPANY

By: William J. Grismer  
William J. Grismer  
Vice President - Finance and  
Secretary

Attested:

By: Michael B. White  
Michael B. White  
Assistant Secretary

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KENT COUNTY }

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at Dover, In and for the said County of Kent, In Corp.  
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WITNESS my Hand and the Seal of said office.

Robert J. Donaway, Recorder